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**From:** Jones, Marjorie [Jones.Marjorie@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/24/2018 9:59:55 PM  
**To:** Holt, Kay [Holt.Kay@epa.gov]; Graff, Jaimie [Graff.Jaimie@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FYI Status of Congressional inquiry FW: EPA: Lawmakers want details on 'dubious' animal testing -- Thursday, July 19, 2018 -- [www.eenews.net](http://www.eenews.net)

Jaimie and Kay –

ORD will have official assignment to draft response to Congressional letter. We'll know date by when they want draft to OCIR when we get it assigned.

Will share as soon as I get it from Sam, and we will go from there.

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**From:** Linkins, Samantha  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 24, 2018 5:26 PM  
**To:** Jones, Marjorie <Jones.Marjorie@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA: Lawmakers want details on 'dubious' animal testing -- Thursday, July 19, 2018 -- [www.eenews.net](http://www.eenews.net)

The letter has officially in via CMS. I've asked it to be assigned to me in the system, so I'll just work with you to get the info needed. I'm going to write up a draft and send to you and Wayne to enter the other data if you have it.

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**From:** Jones, Marjorie  
**Sent:** Monday, July 23, 2018 1:52 PM  
**To:** Linkins, Samantha <Linkins.Samantha@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA: Lawmakers want details on 'dubious' animal testing -- Thursday, July 19, 2018 -- [www.eenews.net](http://www.eenews.net)

Thanks, Sam. Jaimie has already started to pull together info for response.

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**From:** Linkins, Samantha  
**Sent:** Monday, July 23, 2018 1:36 PM  
**To:** Jones, Marjorie <Jones.Marjorie@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA: Lawmakers want details on 'dubious' animal testing -- Thursday, July 19, 2018 -- [www.eenews.net](http://www.eenews.net)

Thanks Margie. No action needed at this time, but the letter will probably come to us in a few days. But if you can start thinking about what information we can use to answer those questions, that'd be good.

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**From:** Jones, Marjorie  
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**From:** Holt, Kay  
**Sent:** Friday, July 20, 2018 7:04 AM  
**To:** Jones, Marjorie <[Jones.Marjorie@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Marjorie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: EPA: Lawmakers want details on 'dubious' animal testing -- Thursday, July 19, 2018 -- [www.eenews.net](http://www.eenews.net)

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**From:** Russo, Bill  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 19, 2018 4:32 PM  
**To:** Holt, Kay <[Holt.Kay@epa.gov](mailto:Holt.Kay@epa.gov)>  
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**From:** [Russo.Bill@epa.gov](mailto:Russo.Bill@epa.gov)  
**Date:** July 19, 2018 at 2:28:18 PM EDT  
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# Lawmakers want details on 'dubious' animal testing

Maxine Joselow, E&E News reporter  
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A bipartisan group of lawmakers is urging acting EPA chief Andrew Wheeler to disclose more information about what they described as "questionable" and "dubious" animal testing.

In a letter, the lawmakers expressed concern that the National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory in North Carolina is reportedly using around 20,000 animals each year for testing. "Recently-published experiments by EPA's NHEERL show that lab animals were fed lard and coconut oil, then forced to breathe diesel exhaust, ozone, and smog, electrocuted, and ultimately killed," the lawmakers said.

"These tests likely cost taxpayers millions of dollars each year, and their relevance to humans, as EPA has often acknowledged, is dubious at best."

Signing the missive were Reps. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), Scott Perry (R-Pa.), Dan Donovan (R-N.Y.), David Cicilline (D-R.I.), Steve Cohen (D-Tenn.) and Brendan Boyle (D-Pa.).

In April, then-EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt unveiled a draft policy to reduce the use of animals in testing chemicals that may irritate the skin or cause an allergic reaction.

The lawmakers said that while they were "pleased by former Administrator Pruitt's recent announcements," they want Wheeler to provide more information about the scope of the testing and the cost to taxpayers.

The alleged testing at NHEERL was uncovered earlier this year by the White Coat Waste Project, a watchdog group that opposes federally funded animal experiments.

The White Coat Waste Project found "horrific abuses on the taxpayers' dime" such as "forcing animals to eat lard to make them obese, pumping truck exhaust directly into their noses and electrocuting them," said Justin Goodman, the group's vice president for advocacy and public policy.

The group placed a billboard outside the lab in April, and its more recent advocacy campaign was timed to coincide with Tax Day, Goodman added.

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